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ALLOCATION OF 2G SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether new set guidelines have been issued by the Government for allocation of 2G spectrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the procedure and guidelines that was being followed for allocation of 2G spectrum till now?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) A Committee has been set up to recommend the revised subscriber based spectrum allocation criteria for allotment of 2G Spectrum. However, the matter is sub-judice in Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).

(c) The initial spectrum for 2G is allotted to the mobile telecom operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their Service License Agreement. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is allotted as per their request and taking into account the subscriber based eligibility criteria and subject to availability of spectrum in a telecom service area.